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A method in accordance with the invention applies to an access network or a satellite infrastructure network supporting sub-networks grouping different terminal stations in which each packet is associated with an addressing header and in which each terminal station is associated with a satellite terminal or with a ground station that is located in the coverage of a particular spot of a particular satellite. The addressing header of each packet further contains a "label" field containing an identifier characteristic of a sub-network to which said terminal station and the spot in which the satellite terminal or the ground station with which it is associated is located belongs.

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